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THEY ARE PREPARED

Two automobiles come together with a crash. There is a mix up of machines and human bodies, bruised, bleeding, perhaps broken. A crowd gathers, kindly and well meaning but not knowing just what to do. Into the crowd there elbow their way several boys, quick, keen and alert. One leaves the crowd on the run headed for the nearest telephone to call medical or surgical assistance. One or more of the others take things in hand, boys though they be. A tourniquet is put on arm, a head is neatly bandaged, an improvised splint is put on a broken leg. Those boys are Boy Scouts, they know what to do and how to do it. They are prepared.

In a theater there is a commotion and all crowd curiously to see the cause. Some one has fainted. It is a boy who elbows his way through and tells the crowd to stand back and give the sufferer air. He renders first aid. He is a Boy Scout and he is prepared.

A lady is driving her car. There is a pop and a hiss. She has a blow out. She must either wait for some other car to come along or undertake the job of tire changing. Two or three boys come along and pass on their way laughing. Two or three others follow, stop, ask if they may assist and then get busy on the task of tire changing in a business like way. The lady offers them change, when the task is completed and smilingly and politely they refuse the "Tip." They are just Boy Scouts and they are only doing their daily "good turn," that is all.

A party of pleasure seekers are driving along the road, drinking soda pop as they go. Some one throws an empty bottle from the car and it breaks. They didn't think or didn't care. Along the dusty highway trudges a boy, he sees the broken glass, stops, picks up the bits and throws them well away from the road. He goes on further and his sharp eye sees a nail in the dust and he removes it from the path of approaching cars. He is a Boy Scout and as such he thinks and acts.

An entertainment is to be held. Ushers are needed but the proceeds are to be devoted to charity or some other public good and it is felt that ushers cannot be paid. All right, the Boy Scouts do it.

At some public affair lines are needed to keep back the crowds, errands have to be run, programs distributed. The Boy Scouts, polite but firm, form the line that keeps back the crowd, the Boy Scouts, quick, obliging and cheerful run the errands, the Boy Scouts politely pass the programs and answer all questions put to them, none busier than the Boy Scouts.

An alarm goes out that a little child is missing from home and a troop of Boy Scouts is out on the trail and brings the frightened little one home to its frantic mother. Its all in the Boy Scouts' day's work.

Such is the type of boy that Scouting gives to a community. They are trained to be prepared, their code is honesty to themselves and their neighbors, kindness to the weak, helpfulness to the suffering or those needing assistance, participation in all that works for community good. It is not hard to foresee the type of man into which such boys will develop.

A campaign is now on to raise the requisite funds to continue the Scouting movement on Maui where it is now a "First Class" Council. There are more communities where the boys want to organize for usefulness and purposefulness but if there is to be further expansion more funds will be needed.

Those who admire the type of boy and man who is prepared, who is cheerful, helpful, kindly, polite and obliging will aid the campaign with their subscriptions. Perhaps one cannot give much and it may entail some personal sacrifice to give what is possible but the cause is worthy of every support that can be given to it and the Scouting movement cannot be permitted to lag. The committees are out calling on the public generally and it is to be hoped that the public will be as "prepared" to respond as the Boy Scouts ever are to respond to the call of the public upon them.

DAILY RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

In the May issue of the Friend there appears a very enlightening article written by Rev. Angelo E. Shattuck on the subject of week-day religious education in Hawaii, the best exposition of the subject that has yet appeared in print and one that eliminates practically every objection that has been raised against the proposal. He shows that it is not intended to introduce sectarianism into the schools, nor to impose it upon the children of unwilling parents, nor yet to use public funds raised by taxation. Every argument offered in its behalf by him is logical.

This paper is heartily in favor of religious training of the children and youth of the country in such faith as may be chosen for them or they may choose for themselves always within the limits of the constitution of the United States and the laws of the nation and its commonwealths. Good can be found in all of the doctrines though the best is in Christianity, the faith from which have grown the highest ideals of Americanism and in which the very roots of American and Anglo-Saxon civilization are entwined. Yet this paper doubts if much can be achieved from the proposals offered unless radical changes in present methods be made.

In youth death and a future life seem far in the distance though they appear close at hand with advancing years. Youth is of the present, as fleeting as the moments and yet for then once grasped, held and enjoyed. In the tomorrows there will be many, many more today, as youth sees it. Rewards or punishments of the future seem a long, long way off. The doings of older folk hold very little of interest to school boys and school girls who are self centered in their own times and doings and living in the todays.

It would seem then, that the real problem is not how to offer the opportunity for religious instruction but how to make such instruction attractive to the children and youths of this age. In the article in the Friend, Rev. Mr. Shattuck makes no suggestions along that line.

The real question is what are the churches doing to draw young minds toward them, what are they doing to interest youth and keep it interested? If the church is succeeding attendance in the Sunday Schools should show it and so should membership in the bible classes of the Y. M. C. A. Statistics can show what proportion of the children of a given faith or sect attend Sunday School and also

THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

More women would be irresistible were they not so thoroughly convinced that they really are so. The natural reply to "you can't" is "I will."

An audience is said to be intensely moved when it sits quiet in wrapt attention. When it really is moved, gets up and goes out, well then it is an unpleasant episode that is kindly omitted from comment.

It is remarked by the New York Tribune that the driest spots in the United States are some of the sections advertised as prospective oil districts.

A commercial treaty between Russia and Germany would, judging from the lack of value of roubles and marks, be little more than an agreement for the exchange of scraps of paper.

It is asked whether a man wants an educated woman. Not half so much of a puzzle as why should an educated woman want an average man.

Hundreds are to be tried for war time frauds, a news heading says. If there should be included in the number those who kept saying "Nothing is too good for the soldier" in the times of and immediately following enlistment the number would run into thousands instead of hundreds.

After all, Russia is intensely human. She is quite ready to show her friendliness by borrowing from any nation that will loan.

If, as Conan Doyle is reported to have said, there are no flappers in heaven why in thunder have painters been putting wings on the angels for so many centuries.

Many a man has a concept of type of woman he would like but few of them would be willing to change sex and become a woman of that type.

Canadian Rockies promise to be more than ever popular summer mornings of a vacation from prohibition United States.

The boozefighter's idea of paradise is spending the winters in Cuba and the summers just across the Canadian line.

A business man may be convinced that taking dictation is easier than giving it but he changes his mind when he marries his "stenog."

will show the proportion of members of the Y. M. C. A. that attend the Bible Classes. If the churches are succeeding those figures will be large, if the proportion be small the churches are failing somewhere, it would seem. In the Sunday Schools and in the Bible classes the opportunities for just such training as is proposed are offered to the limited extent of once or perhaps twice a week. If youth does not accept those opportunities then must the churches alter their methods of approaching or attracting youth it is urged. The erecting of an edifice amounts to nothing unless it is used. So the public would like to know how the clergy expects to get attendance in such institutions as are proposed to be maintained adjacent to the secular schools, a question yet unanswered.

Letters and contributions of any sort offered for publication in this paper must be accompanied by the name of the sender to secure attention. This is for the purpose of assuring authenticity of what is offered for which the paper cannot take responsibility unless it knows definitely the source from which it comes.

Lee White of the Detroit News has figured that the newspapers make only one error out of every 3250 chances offered them. Where is the ball player who can show such a fielding average?

It was an amusing typographical error that is perhaps prophetic that said the "Soldiers Bogus Bill" is sure to pass the senate.

Some persons form the erroneous idea that way to retrench is to settle into a rut and wait for some fortuitous circumstance to happen along and help them out.

These are the days to help keep the Boy Scout Movement moving forward.

Every boost to Scouting is a bump to hoodlumism. These are the days to give boosts that will count.

Dealing with the foot prints in the lava flows in the Kahikinui district of this Island there is published in this issue of Maui News an extremely interesting contribution that comes from Bishop Museum investigations of the subject which readers will find especially worth their attention.

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